

in *G. adpersum*; Whiteknights, Reading, Berkshire, March 1996, ten from *G. adpersum* and four in *P. betulinus*; Moor Cops, Reading, Berkshire, September 1996, four from *G. adpersum*.

Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity to collect fungal material from south-west England, Wales or the Midlands northwards, but I hope to do so as the opportunities arise. With the exception of Medmenham, the localities where this moth have been found consist mostly of dense woodland rather than pasture woodland.

Pelham-Clinton (1985, Tineidae. In: *The moths and butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*, Volume 2. Harley Books.) states that *M. choragella* feeds on *Leptiporus*, *Phellinus* and *Piptoporus* fungi and possibly on dead wood. Despite rearing numerous tineids from dead wood I have never encountered this moth in such material, neither have I found infested *Leptiporus* or *Phellinus* fungi. I have retained infested material in *Inonotus dryadeus*, *Coriolus versicolor* and *Fomes fomentarius* but again failed to rear this moth. At the sites I have collected material from it is clear that *Ganoderma* fungi are the preferred diet of *M. choragella*.— I. SIMS, 2 The Delph, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3AN.

Nemapogon varietella (Clemens, 1859) (Lep.: Tineidae) in Berkshire

I wish to record the occurrence of the above moth at Burnham Beeches near Slough, Berkshire (VC22). During a field meeting of the British Entomological and Natural History Society on 14 October 1990 I collected examples of the fungus *Piptoporus betulinus* showing signs of infestation by lepidopterous larvae. These were characterised by holes situated around the edge where the pore-like gills met the margin of the cap, with a concentration of holes near the stem. The holes were exuding white frass trapped in silken material. The fungi were kept in a shed in Perspex boxes and produced fourteen examples of *Nemapogon varietella* (formerly known as *N. personella*) on 13 April 1991. This would appear to be a new record for VC22, as this species is not listed by Baker (1994, *The butterflies and moths of Berkshire*. Hedera Press). In the spring of 1995, I took Mr D. O'keeffe to this locality. From material that he collected he succeeded in rearing numbers of this species later that year from an example of the fungus *Fistulina hepatica*.

On a subsequent visit to this locality on 13 March 1996 I collected further *P. betulinus* with the hope of obtaining *Nemaxera betulinella*, another species reared from this locality by Mr O'keeffe the previous year. My material did not produce any of these, but a further three *N. varietella* emerged on 8 May that year. I have not met with this moth elsewhere and believe this discovery constitutes a record worthy of publication. I have heard rumour that this site has been threatened with gravel extraction in the past.— I. SIMS, 2 The Delph, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3AN.